



The City of Seattle

## Landmarks Preservation Board

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### STAFF REPORT ON DESIGNATION

LPB 539/21

**Name and Address of Property:** University of Washington Wallace Hall  
3737 Brooklyn Avenue NE

**Legal Description:** Brooklyn Addition Lots 19 through 32 less portion of subdivision lots 27 through 29 for street together with lots 15 through 43; block 33 subdivision plat together with lots 11 through 15; block 34 subdivision plat and together with portions of vacated streets and alleys adjacent; less portion subdivision block 34 and alley within conveyed to city of Seattle by deed record number 9501050900 less portion for road per record number 20000825000510, as recorded in Volume 7 of Plats, Page 32, Records of King County, Washington.

On November 3, 2021, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve nomination of the subject property and scheduled a public meeting to be held on December 15, 2021. The Board nominated the site (as illustrated in Figure 40 of the nomination application) and the exterior of the building.

The Staff does not recommend nomination of University of Washington Wallace Hall at 3737 Brooklyn Avenue NE as it does not appear to meet any of the designation standards.

*The Landmarks Board Coordinator acknowledges the possible cultural history associated with the property but believes this may not be embodied in the building itself. The Coordinator recognizes the building's modern design but does not believe it rises to the level of a landmark. The subject building is by a notable Seattle architect Ibsen Nelsen, but it does not appear to be an outstanding work. This assessment was informed by a site visit and thorough review of the property in 2019.*

### **SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR DISAPPROVAL OF DESIGNATION:**

"I move that the Board not approve the designation of the University of Washington Wallace Hall at 3737 Brooklyn Avenue NE as a Seattle Landmark, as it does not meet any of the standards, as required by SMC 25.12.350." (or give other reasons)

### **SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION:**

"I move that the Board approve the designation of the University of Washington Wallace Hall at 3737 Brooklyn Avenue NE as a Seattle Landmark; noting the legal description above; that the

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designation is based upon satisfaction of Designation Standards \_\_\_\_\_; that the features and characteristics of the property identified for preservation include: the site (as illustrated in Figure 40 of the nomination application) and the exterior of the building.

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